

## House Resolution 2161

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, child maltreatment is a community problem and finding solutions depends on  
3 involvement among people throughout the community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations  
5 without community resources and are unable to cope; and
- 6 WHEREAS, approximately 48,000 children are reported as abused and neglected in Georgia  
7 each year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, 161 children were the victims of child abuse homicide in Georgia in 2003;
- 9 WHEREAS, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions  
10 that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by the whole community, and need to  
12 be addressed by the entire community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, effective child maltreatment prevention programs such as Prevent Child Abuse  
14 Newton, in Covington, Georgia, succeed because of partnerships created among social  
15 service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies,  
16 and businesses.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 April, 2006, is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month at the state capitol and all  
19 citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses are urged to

1 increase their participation in efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the  
2 community in which we live.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Prevent Child Abuse  
5 Newton.